

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on June 6, 2008, at 3:27 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a copy of a notice filed earlier with the Federal Register continuing the emergency with respect to Belarus first declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO
BELARUS—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-121)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus are to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2008.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. These actions include undermining democratic processes or institutions; committing human rights abuses related to political repression, including detentions and disappearances; and engaging in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Belarusian public assets or by misusing public authority. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain per-

sons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 6, 2008.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL
SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Financial Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 5, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR LEADER PELOSI: I am writing to notify you of my resignation from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

DAN BOREN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Agriculture:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 5, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR LEADER PELOSI: I am writing to notify you of my resignation from the Committee on Agriculture, effective today. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve my district and the U.S. House of Representatives in this capacity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN DAVIS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I am writing to notify you of my resignation from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With warm regards,

ROBERT WEXLER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NA-
TIONAL PARK WILDERNESS ACT
OF 2008

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3022) to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3022

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STATE.—The term "State" means the State of California.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the State are designated as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

(1) JOHN KREBS WILDERNESS.—

(A) DESIGNATION.—Certain land in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, comprising approximately 69,500 acres of land, and 130 acres of potential wilderness additions as generally depicted on the map numbered 102/60014a, titled "John Krebs Wilderness", and dated March 10, 2008.

(B) LIMITATIONS.—The designation of the wilderness under subparagraph (A) does not preclude operation and maintenance of the existing Hockett Meadow Cabin and Quinn Patrol Cabin in the same manner and degree in which the cabins were operated and maintained on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph affects—

(i) the cabins in, and adjacent to, Mineral King Valley; or

(ii) the private inholdings known as "Silver City" and "Kaweah Han".

(D) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.—The designation of the potential wilderness additions under subparagraph (A) shall not prohibit the operation, maintenance, and repair of the small check dams and water impoundments on Lower Franklin Lake, Crystal Lake, Upper Monarch Lake, and Eagle Lake. The Secretary is authorized to allow the use of helicopters for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the small check dams and water impoundments on Lower Franklin Lake, Crystal Lake, Upper Monarch